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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Request for Reconsideration is responsive to the Official Action mailed October 3, 2002 (Paper No. 7), the date of response to which has been extended three months up to and including April 3, 2003, in view of the attached three-month extension of time petition and petition fee.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 stand rejected in the outstanding Official Action. Reconsideration of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's acknowledgement of applicants claim for priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document is very much appreciated. Similarly, the consideration of the IDS submitted by applicant is appreciated.

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